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Spring Festivities to Celebrate Wildflowers and Wildlife:

International Migratory Bird Day Field Trip May 10th

Siskiyou County Wildflower Show May 11th

(Yreka, CA) Yreka, Calif., April 22, 2014 – In celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, the Klamath National Forest and several local agencies and organizations are planning to host two special events. Both events will provide opportunities for the public to learn more about local flora and fauna.

The **International Migratory Bird Day Field Trip** will take place on Saturday, May 10th at the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area. This free, ½ day field trip will be led by local biologists and birding experts including John Alexander, Executive Director of the Klamath Bird Observatory, and Bob Claypole, author of *Klamath River Birdfinder*. It is open to all levels of bird watchers and nature enthusiasts who are interested in learning about the amazing world of songbirds.

Participants should meet at the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area office parking lot at 7:30 a.m. The office is located 1.5 miles east of Montague, CA. on Ball Mountain/Little Shasta Road. Please dress warmly and bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, drinking water and a lunch. This event is hosted by the Klamath National Forest, California Department of Fish and Game, and Klamath Bird Observatory.

The following day, Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day), the Klamath and Shasta-Trinity National Forests and the Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will host the **21st annual Siskiyou County Wildflower Show** at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka, CA. This event is also free, and will last from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The show will feature hundreds of native plants on display.

The show will also feature a wildflower photography contest. Color or black and white photographic prints (size 8" x 10") can be submitted to the Klamath National Forest Headquarters at 1711 South Main Street in Yreka, CA.; at the Salmon/Scott River Ranger Station at 11263 N. Highway 3 in Fort Jones, CA.; the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station at 204 West Alma in Mt. Shasta, CA, or by arrangement. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, May 9th. Live

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native plants will be awarded for first, second and third place finishes in the photo contest.

“Both of these events offer fun ways for the whole family to explore the natural beauty that surrounds us in Siskiyou County,” said Chris Frisbee, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Klamath National Forest. “We hope you’ll join us.”

For more information about the Siskiyou County Wildflower Show, call Marla Knight, Forest Botanist for the Klamath National Forest, at (530)841-4425.

For more information about the International Migratory Bird Day Field Trip call Sam Cuenca, Wildlife Biologist for the Salmon and Scott River Ranger District, at (530)468-1207. Additional information about International Migratory Bird Day can be found at <http://www.birdday.org/birdday>.



Birding enthusiasts scan tree tops for glimpses of migratory songbirds.



Participants view various species of native plants at the annual Wildflower Show.



Fairy Slipper (*Calypso bulbosa*).

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